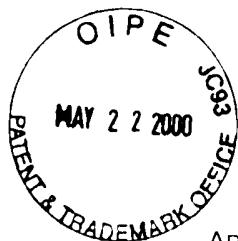


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond further to the Notice of Appeal mailed December 22, 1999. This Notice of Appeal is indicated by the Patent Office in the Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2000, Advisory Action has having been received December 27, 1999. With the extension, the response is due on or before Tuesday, May 30, 2000, as May 27, 2000, falls on a Saturday and Monday, May 29, 2000 is a Federal holiday. A check in the amount of \$870.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19644-008 (TUFTS-8). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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